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HELP BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY BEAT THEIR RECORD OF 5,000 PARTICIPANTS FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

- Deadline to sign up is July 22 -

BEAVERTON, Ore. – It's not too late to sign up for the Beaverton City Library's Summer Reading Program. Be sure to register by Monday, July 22 to participate and win prizes. The Beaverton City Library seeks to exceed the goal of 5,000 children signed up for this year's Summer Reading Program. Last year, 4,977 kids participated.

"Last year, we were so close to surpassing 5,000 participants," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "Help the library reach its goal and sign up today. The Summer Reading Program is a fun way to earn prizes and prevent summer reading loss."

Children, infants through fifth grade, can register for the Kids Summer Reading Program: *Dig Into Reading*. Read for 15 hours to win prizes such as a free paperback book and a folder full of coupons for free food and activities around town and more. Participants can sign up by visiting either the Beaverton City Library Main (12375 SW Fifth Street) or the Murray-Scholls branch (11200 SW Murray Scholls Suite 102), or online at www.BeavertonLibrary.org/kidsSRP. For more information about the Kids Summer Reading Program, please contact the Children's Desk at 503-350-3600.

There is also still time to participate in the teen and adult summer reading programs. For more information or to register, please visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org/SRP.

The Beaverton City Library, the second busiest library in the state, serves a population of approximately 142,000 (the population of Beaverton plus a portion of the unincorporated residents of Washington County). Each month, more than 84,000 people visit the library to check out nearly 300,000 items—circulating more than 3.5 million items annually. The library has two facilities, the Main Library and the Murray Scholls Branch, each open seven days per week.

In 2013, Beaverton was again recognized as the **safest city in Oregon**. Since 2007, Beaverton has been named one of the safest cities in the Northwest. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural**

Resources Defense Council and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. Beaverton also enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Fans are also encouraged to like the City of Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton for information, reminders and City of Beaverton news.



Caption: Young readers collect their Summer Reading prizes at the Beaverton City Library. Registration for this year's Summer Reading Program ends July 22.

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